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Exhibit 15

TO: NorthWestern Energy

FR: Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Members

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The goal of House Bill 219 was to produce a detailed, transparent, and verifiable study that could help all parties invested in these discussions have an opportunity to more fully understand distributed generation and net metering issues.

The summary report that NorthWestern Energy submitted does not achieve this goal because it does not provide any of the assumptions or data that underlie the conclusions. Without this critical information conclusions can't be verified or challenged, and transparency is sadly lacking. Despite numerous requests from the PSC and ETIC over these months, data has not been produced in any transparent or usable form. As a result, as the interim ends, we are forced to conclude that the intent of HB 219 has not been met.

Mary McNally, Chairman

Derek Skees, Vice-Chairman